Panel of Chairmen.

Mr. President.—I have to inform the House that I have nominated Mr. P. C. Varkey and Mr. K. Ayyappan on the Panel of Chairmen.

Voting of Demands for Grants.

24—Ayurveda—Rs. 15,818 (*contd.*)

Motion No. 54.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,818 for Ayurveda by Re. 1. (The necessity of providing to the Ayurvedic Hospital a few beds.)*

Mr. President.—Sir, this is the only method of medicine which will root out the disease is the general opinion accepted by the people of rural parts. It has lost its prestige for want of patronage. But that it is regaining its own position can very well be seen from the number of patients that resort to these Government dispensaries and particularly to the Ramavarma Central Ayurvedic Hospital which is situated in Trichur. It is also resorted to by persons other than Trichurians. Those who go there from the rural parts, say like the places of the far Chittur Taluk have found it very difficult to get the benefit of this treatment because they are not allowed to lie down there and treated as in-patients. The idea of having a few beds is not a new thing to the Government for if I remember right the Dewan Peishkar has once told me that he would see to the providing of a few beds in the hospital. But unfortunately I find nothing in the Budget. It is simply to bring to the notice of the Government that this is a very necessary item and that a few beds ought to be provided in that hospital that I have brought this motion.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, the question of providing lying in accommodation in this institution was brought preeminently to the notice of the Government sometime during the last budget session if I remember right. Sir, the Government then pointed out that although they had no intention of questioning the merits of the demand, the indigenous system of medicine was such that in practice there was no considerable necessity for lying in accommodation. Still Government did not want to shelve the question. Government directed me to send an approximate estimate to provide accomodation for 10 persons. I have in a way worked it out and it comes to a considerable amount somewhere in the vicinity of Rs. 2000/- annually. I may assure the Hon'ble Member that this question

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